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Situation Report

Hurricane Katrina Support & Severe Storm

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Hurricane Katrina

Operations to support the displaced persons from Hurricane Katrina continue to wind down. All State Agencies have returned to normal operations and SEMA continues to monitor the situation with normal staffing patterns and, if necessary, with on-call staff.

- The Missouri Donations Hotline (800-841-8891) continues operating out of St Louis. The Donations Hotline was established for anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to Katrina victims. AmeriCorps volunteers are staffing the hotline from 8am-7pm, seven days a week.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)

The State of Missouri has dispatched numerous resources to the affected area under a state mutual aid agreement known as the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Most EMAC requests are being filled by States closer to the three states involved with Katrina, in addition to more and more Federal assets that are being deployed.

- Members from several fire departments in Region C (St Louis area) are still on the ground in Gulfport, MS with 26 personnel and 12 water tankers. They are assisting the local fire department with firefighting activities.
- Members of the Cole County Emergency Response Team are in the process of returning after providing communications assistance to local officials within the state of Louisiana.

Severe Storm Potential

Severe Thunderstorms and potential tornadoes transited central Missouri early last evening. SEMA area coordinators have polled their counties and found minor damages, tree limbs, power lines, and several lightning strikes throughout the area. There were no requests for state assistance.

Boone County - Five utility poles broke on Route PP near Mexico Gravel Road. Flash flooding caused traffic hazards and one water rescue was made. Many trees were down throughout the county.

Callaway County - Several trees were down, some minor flash flooding, and several automobile accidents due to limited visibility.

Cole County - No damage to report.

Gasconade County - Hermann has trees down and a few roofs were damaged. No one was displaced. Roads will need to be cleared of debris.

Moniteau County – Many trees down in Tipton and California. Reports of roof damage to several mobile homes near the prison. The extent of the roof damage is not known yet. There were no requests for sheltering from this incident. No injuries to report.

Montgomery County - High winds reported in New Florence. Reports of trees down on Highway 19 just south of I-70, one on Highway 94, one on Highway P and there maybe some on country roads. This is all in the southern part of the County south of I-70. Lighting hit a building in Wellsville and it was reported that a fire started. But no one was able to locate a fire. It maybe have been a flash fire.

Osage County - Some tree damage reported.

Tropical Storm Rita

Tropical Storm/Hurricane Rita is causing concern with people in the southeastern United States. At 9am, the center of the storm was transiting the Straits of Florida and is between Cuba and the mainland of the U.S.A. traveling west into the Gulf of Mexico. The projected path of the storm through Thursday is west through the Florida Key and the Gulf of Mexico. Estimated path of the storm is to hit the Texas Coast later this week. There is some potential that it may turn to the north and strike along the west Louisiana Coast and eastern Texas Coast Line. SEMA will continue to monitor for potential EMAC requests from this storm.

Points of Contact:

SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.